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SUBJECT: NIMEIRI BLASTS SOVIET UNION AND PRAISES CHINA

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SUMMARY: IN MONTHLY TELEVISION ADDRESS NIMEIRI PRAISED CHINA AND THEN SPENT LARGEST PORTION OF SPEECH BLASTING SOVIET UNION. SPEECH WAS NOTEWORTHY FOR ITS DETAILED ALLEGATIONS AGAINST SOVIETS. NIMEIRI WARNED AFRICAN STATES OF BECOMING INVOLVED WITH SOVIETS BUT SUPPORTED EGYPTIAN EFFORTS IMPROVE ITS RELATIONS WITH USSR AND LIBYA. END SUMMARY.

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1. IN MONTHLY FACE THE NATION TELEVISION ADDRESS JUNE 27 NIMEIRI REVIEWED HIS RECENT VISIT TO CHINA. HE WAS FULL OF PRAISE FOR CHINA'S EFFORTS OVERCOME ITS MANIFOLD PROBLEJGTU GF COUNTRY'S CONDUCT OF ITS FOREIGN RELATIONS. HE MENTIONED CHINESE MILITARY ASSISTANCE WITHOUT GIVING ANY DETAILS. HOWEVER, HE

LISTED NEW BRIDGE AT SENNAR, TEXTILE, RICE AND FISHERIES
PROJECTS IN DISCUSSING CHINESE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE.

2. PRINCIPAL PORTION OF SPEECH DEVOTED TO DETAILED
CRITICISM OF SOVIET UNION. TWICE DURING SPEECH
NIMEIRI WARNED OTHER AFRICAN STATES TO BE WARY
OF SOVIET FRIENDSHIP, AND, PERHAPS REFLECTING CONVERSA-
TIONS IN CHINA, NIMEIRI REFERRED TO SOVIET
QUOTE ENDEAVORS OF HEGEMONY UNQUOTE. THEME OF NIMEIRI
ALLEGATIONS WAS THAT SOVIETS INSISTED ON DOMINATION
RATHER THAN TRUE COOPERATION. NIMEIRI RECALLED 1971
SOVIET COLLABORATION WITH LOCAL COMMUNISTS IN THEIR
ATTEMPT TO OVERTHROW HIM, AND ALSO CHARGED-- FOR
THE FIRST TIME PUBLICLY--THAT SOVIET ADVISORS
HERE ASSISTED PLANES FLYING ARMS FROM LIBYA TO
ETHIOPIA TO AVOID SUDANESE RADARS WHILE OVERFLYING
COUNTRY. IN ADDITION, HE COMPLAINED BITTERLY ABOUT
INEFFECTIVENESS AND EXPENSE OF SOVIET MILITARY
ASSISTANCE. HE NOTED POOR QUALITY OF TRAINING,
LACK OF SPARES AND FUEL AND OTHER PROBLEMS. HE
ALSO CRITICIZED SOVIET ATTEMPT BRAINWASH SUDANESE
STUDENTS INCLUDING MILITARY TRAINEES WHILE THEY
WERE IN USSR.

3. IN DISCUSSING SUDAN-SOVIET PROBLEMS NIMEIRI
REVEALED THAT SYRIA, ROMANIA AND SOMALIA ATTEMPTED
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MEDIATE DISPUTE. ON EGYPTIAN ATTEMPTS IMPROVE
RELATIONS WITH USSR AND LIBYA, NIMEIRI SAID HE HAD
BEEN CONSULTED IN ADVANCE BY SADAT AND ASSURED
LISTENERS THAT SOVIET-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS REMAIN
SOLID. HE SUPPORTED EGYPTIAN ATTEMPTS TO IMPROVE
ITS RELATIONS WITH USSR AND LIBYA, BUT WITH RESPECT TO
LATTER, NIMEIRI LEFT LITTLE DOUBT THAT HE DID NOT
BELIEVE QADDHAFI COULD BE TRUSTED. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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4. COMMENT: SPEECH INDICATES THAT SUDAN'S FRIGID RELATIONS WITH USSR LIKELY CONTINUE FOR INDEFINITE FUTURE WHATEVER HAPPENS BETWEEN EGYPT AND USSR. NIMEIRI SHOWED THAT SUSPICION AND ANIMOSITY TOWARD SOVIETS HAD BEEN FESTERING EVER SINCE 1971. HE ALSO MADE IT CLEAR THAT USSR SUPPORT FOR LIBYA AND ETHIOPIA WILL PREVENT ANY IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS WITH SUDAN AS LONG AS THESE COUNTRIES CONTINUE CURRENT ANTI-SUDANGOV POLICIES. HE SPECIFICALLY PLACED RESPONSIBILITY ON SOVIETS' SHOULDERS FOR CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR ARMS SALES.

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5. PERHAPS OF SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE IS WHAT WAS LEFT OUT OF SPEECH. THERE WAS NO REFERENCE TO DOMESTIC OPPOSITION, APART FROM MENTION OF 1971 COMMUNIST COUP ATTEMPT. NEITHER WAS THERE ANY CRITICISM OF SADIQ AL-MAHDI OR HIS FOLLOWERS. ALONG WITH REPORTS OF SPEECH, JUNE 28 PAPERS GAVE PROMINENT COVERAGE TO MEETING NIMEIRI HAD MONDAY WITH KHATMIA RELIGIOUS LEADERS WHO ARE AMONG NIMEIRI'S TRADITIONAL POLITICAL OPPONENTS. THEY URGED CLOSE RELATIONS BETWEEN SUDAN AND SAUDI ARABIA AND EGYPT. CLOSE OBSERVERS OF LOCAL POLITICAL SCENE SEE THESE DEVELOPMENTS AS ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE THAT NIMEIRI IS SEEKING ACCOMMODATION WITH DOMESTIC OPPOSITION.

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